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**From the Chairman**

To the Residents of Miami Township:

Whether you're a long-time resident or a newcomer, I would like to thank you on behalf of myself, the Board of Trustees and Miami Township for being a part of our great community. We are very proud of this township; we believe it is one of the finest residential communities in Greater Cincinnati and Southwest Ohio.

This booklet is designed to help you stay in the loop about “all things Miami Township” – from about how we make local policy decisions that you to how to get your garbage picked up.



We hope that you find this resource helpful, but always feel free to call the Miami Township Administrative Offices at 513-248-3725 with any questions you might have, You may also visit our website at [www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov](http://www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov) to find answers to some of your questions.

Sincerely,

Ed Humphrey, Chairman  
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**From the Administrator**

To the Residents of Miami Township:

Miami Township is known by its 41,000+ residents as family-friendly with a unique blend of residential and business areas, combined with excellent parks and recreational facilities, outstanding safety services, superior road and facility maintenance, and a township staff that values its residents.



Miami Township has the highest growth rate (30%) in Clermont County over the past 10 years, and the highest household income and per capita income in Clermont County. Governed by the “town” or “township” form of government, Miami Township operates under the direction of a three member Board of Trustees and a Township Fiscal Officer.

Miami Township has a nationally accredited police department with 40 sworn officers and a state-of-the-art Fire/EMS department with three strategically located stations and a combination of 73 career, part-time and volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics. The Miami Township Service maintains 440 roads (a total of 130 miles), five parks totaling over 300 acres, three cemeteries and all township buildings. In addition, our Parks and Recreation Departments works very hard to serve thousands of residents and children with outdoor and recreational activities throughout the year.

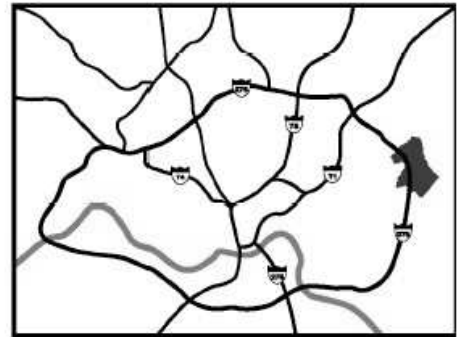
We are proud to serve the residents of Miami Township, and want to hear from you on how we can better serve you. To reach any of the Trustees, the Fiscal Officer, any Department, or myself, please call 513-248-3725.

Sincerely,

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# Miami Township



## Miami Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer

### Ed Humphrey



Ed Humphrey is a lifelong resident of Miami Township. Ed grew up and still lives in Miami Township with his wife, Janice. Ed & Janice have three grown children, Doug, Gail, and Scott and five grandchildren. After graduating with a Masters of Business Administration, he went to work for Procter & Gamble. He retired in 1995 after 28 years of service. He was a computer consultant and trainer from 1995 through 1999 and then became Executive Director of CART (Clermont Area Rural Transit) and CTC (Clermont Transportation Connection), the Clermont County rural transit bus company, from 1998 through 2000. Ed began his volunteer service in the township as a volunteer Fire Fighter with Miami Township Fire Department in 1968. In 1972 he helped form a Life Squad as part of the fire department and served as Chief of the EMS for 12 years. After some time at various ranks in the fire department he was named Chief of Fire and EMS in 1987 and served in that capacity through 1989. Ed resigned in 1990 when he was elected Miami Township Trustee. Ed's community and volunteer activities include: former youth soccer and baseball coach, former volunteer fire chief and EMS chief for Miami Township Fire Department, National Ski Patrol, former assistant patrol director for Perfect North Slopes, National Ski Patrol, Central Division Emergency Care Supervisor (with responsibility for Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Eastern Michigan and Southern Wisconsin), member Milford Amateur Radio Club, member of the Clermont County Agricultural Society, member Red Cross Disaster Services Government Liaison Team, member Local Emergency Planning Committee for Clermont County, member Clermont County Terrorism Advisory Team, district wide township representative to Ohio Public Works Integrating Committee for District 10, Chairperson of the Small Government Committee or that body, President of the Clermont County Township Association, former Clermont County Township Association representative to Clermont County Communications Advisory Committee and serving on Mobile Data Computer Software and Hardware Selection Committee, Director of Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce, served on Governor Taft's taskforce to review fire and EMS certification, re-certification and training, Chairperson of the Coalition of Large Urban Township (CLOUT) a subcommittee of the Ohio Township Association, President of the Clermont County Township Association January 2003 to present, 2001 graduate of Lead Clermont sponsored by the Clermont County 20-20 Committee. Ed also serves as the chairperson of the Clermont County Health District Advisory Council. During his 15 years as trustee, Ed has been instrumental in building a first class park system in Miami Township. He has worked to improve Fire and EMS services and police services through the township. Just 8 years ago in 1986, Miami Township became one of 7 townships in Ohio with accredited police departments (among 1309 townships). Community Planning and managing the tremendous growth is a priority. Ed led the way in hiring a full time certified Community Planner. Ed was instrumental in moving the township to "Home Rule" government. "Home Rule" allows the township to better meet the needs of its residents by allowing the trustees more flexibility in the operation of the township. Ed brings a business approach to township government. Miami Township is the 17th largest township in among 1309 townships in Ohio. Managing the growth of the township is the primary need of this rapidly growing township. A township must think of itself as a business. It must use the citizen's money wisely, cutting costs and improving the productivity of its workers.

## Mary Makley Wolff



Mary has been very involved in Miami Township since moving here in 1991, and community service is something she cares very deeply about. Mary Makley Wolff was appointed to the Miami Township Board of Trustees in January 2001 to serve out the unexpired term of former Township Trustee, Jean Schmidt. Mary was formally elected to for a four-year term on the Board of Trustees in November 2001. Mary has been a resident of Miami Township since 1991. She grew up in Dayton, Ohio, and graduated from the University of Dayton with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She then earned her Master's degree from Wright State University in Counseling and Gerontology. Her family includes, husband of 15 years, Doug, son Evan, 13 and a 7th grader at Milford Jr. High, daughter Chloe, 11 and a 6th grader at Milford Main and a border collie named Brodie. The following is a list of activities and organizations she has volunteered to be involved with:

- Chairperson-Coalition on Aging of Milford and Miami Township
- Chairperson-Miami Township Park Levy Committee
- Co-Chairperson-Public Safety Service Committee
- Chairperson-Clermont 2001 Salute to Leaders Event 1997-2000
- Chairperson-Miami Township Park Levy Renewal Committee
- Secretary-Council on Aging of the Cincinnati Area, Inc
- Advisory Council Member-Talbert House Governmental Affairs
- Board member-WillowWood-Helping Children Through Their Grief
- Member Clermont 2001 and LEAD Alumni Association
- Graduate of 1996 Lead Clermont Leadership Class
- Graduate of 1st class of the JoAnne Davidson Leadership Institute
- Member of the League of Women Voters
- Member of the Clermont County Republican Party and member of the Central Committee
- Member of Milford Main and Milford Jr. High PTA/PTSA
- Member of Elizabeth Seton Church and co-teacher of 6th grade CCD
- President of Northwest Clermont Rotary Club
- Citizen Police Academy Session IV graduate

Mary's work experience includes employment as Director of Community Eldercare Services for Clermont Senior Services, and Development Director for Clermont Counseling Center and the Wellness Community. Currently, she is a consultant in grant writing, event planning and marketing while focusing on being a Miami Township Trustee.

## Ken Tracy



Mr. Ken Tracy was appointed to the Miami Township Board of Trustees in January 2005 to serve out the unexpired term of former Township Trustee, Joe Uecker. Ken brings experienced leadership and a resident-supported business approach to township government. Ken has been a resident of Miami Township since 1999 and a resident of Clermont County for over 18 years. He grew up in Canton, Ohio, and graduated from Cincinnati Christian University with a Bachelor's degree in English and a minor in Psychology. At CCU he was a member of the 1984 and 1985 NCCAA National Champion basketball team. His family includes his wife of 18 years, Libby; a daughter, Katelyn, 12, a sixth grader at Loveland Intermediate School; and a daughter, Kristina, 9, a third grader at Loveland Elementary. Ken currently works for an information technology company as their Vice President overseeing Human Resources, Recruiting and Marketing. Ken's community and volunteer activities include:

- Active member and coach for Loveland youth soccer and basketball
- Director of Loveland Youth Girls Basketball
- Former member of the Clermont County Planning and Zoning Committee
- Active volunteer for Milford Miami Ministries
- Former Boys Varsity Basketball Coach at Clermont Northeastern High School
- Chairperson for the Planning and Outreach Committee at the Milford Church of Christ
- Member of the Business Advisory Council for the National Republican Congressional Committee

Ken believes Miami Township is the right place to live and the right place for business to grow and to attract the best talent. "It is our responsibility along with the citizens of Miami Township to share this wonderful message," Ken said. "What we have now is why we live here. What we have in the future is why I look forward to serving you as a Miami Township Trustee."

**Eric Ferry, Chief Fiscal Officer**

Eric and his wife Mary have been Miami Township residents since 1972. Eric and Mary have one grown daughter, Jennifer, and one granddaughter Malia, who also reside in Miami Township. Eric has been the Township Clerk since 1992.



Eric holds a BS/BA degree in Accounting and a MBA in Business Administration. Both degrees were earned from Xavier University. Eric has been working in the financial field for 35 years, beginning his career as an accounting clerk at Baldwin Piano & Organ Company.

He currently holds the position of Chief Financial Officer for Force Control Industries, a manufacturing concern in the Fairfield area. Eric believes small, local government is the most cost effective and efficient form of government existing today. Townships are not allowed to impose earnings taxes on residents and, therefore, must depend on property taxes and bond levies for the majority of their revenue.

He says that citizens make the choices on the services they want by voting, which gets us back to a "grassroots" form of government.



## About Miami Township

Situated along the banks of the Little Miami and East Fork rivers, Miami Township is one of the fastest growing and most livable communities in the Greater Cincinnati area. Miami Township is family-friendly with a unique blend of residential and business areas combined with excellent parks, recreational facilities and a township that values its residents. Nestled in the northwest corner of Clermont County, Miami Township is centrally located along the I-275 business loop. Originally founded in 1801 as O'Bannon Township, Miami Township has seen tremendous growth since 1960 as the township transformed from a rural countryside to a bustling suburban community. Today, Miami Township hosts major employers, offers an extensive selection of newer homes, a high level of services and an excellent quality of life.

Miami Township was established by Clermont County in 1801. The Township in Ohio is a political subdivision of the state and it has only those powers granted to it by the state legislature. Miami Township operates under the direction of a three-member board of trustees; Mary Makley Wolff, Ed Humphrey and Ken Tracy, and a township fiscal officer; Eric Ferry. Miami Township is a "home rule" township. This means that Miami Township possesses a broader authority to enact local regulations much like a city. Miami Township offers services to its residents including police protection, fire & EMS services, road maintenance, zoning and community development and a park system. Miami Township is a largely urban township with a mix of residential, business and parks development. The number for township offices is 513-248-3725.

Miami Township feeds into four local school districts: Milford Exempted Village School District, Loveland City School District, Goshen Local Schools, Clermont Northeastern Local Schools. It is home to Live Oaks Career Development Center, part of the Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development. Great Oaks works with 36 affiliated school districts throughout Greater Cincinnati and serves approximately 3,200 students annually. Residents have access to Clermont College, Raymond Walters College, University of Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky University, Xavier University and Thomas Moore College which are all just a short drive from Miami Township. There are also more than 100 colleges and universities within Ohio and surrounding areas.

### Township Services:

- Police
- Fire/Emergency Medical Services
- Street/Road Maintenance
- Community Development/Zoning
- Parks & Recreation
- Parks Maintenance
- Cemetery Maintenance
- Snow Removal

## Miami Township By the Numbers

**Population:** 36,632

**Growth:** 29.9% since 1990 (2000 Census) \* Highest for townships in Clermont county

**Land Area:** 33 square miles

**Household Income:** \$42,530 (1990 Census) \*Highest in Clermont County

**Per Capita Income:** \$16,397 (1990 Census) \*Highest in Clermont County

**Median Housing Value:** \$184,000 (2000 Ohio Board of Realtors)

**Tax Information Income Tax:** None; Townships are prohibited by state law from imposing an earnings tax.

**Property Taxes:** The amount of millage for township, county, vocational school, and library purposes are the same throughout the township, however, property tax millage differs for each respective school district. Property tax is assessed on 35% of the total valuation of property, e.g. \$100,000 home is taxed at \$35,000 ( $\$100,000 \times 3.5$ ).

## History of Miami Township

Miami Township was originally known as O'Bannon Township, one of Clermont County's five original townships that included Ohio, Pleasant (now part of Brown County), Washington and Williamsburg. They were established on Feb. 15, 1801, by the First Court of the Justices of General Quarter Sessions that met at the first Clermont County seat, Williamsburg. No records have been found that established the boundaries of each township.

O'Bannon Township was named in honor of the first surveyor in Clermont County, John O'Bannon. He made the first survey on Virginia Military District land on Nov. 13, 1787, on the site of the village of Neville. The township's name, shortly after, was changed to Miami, after the Little Miami River that had been named after the Miami Indians who once held control of the area.

The following is a history of local neighborhoods in Miami Township.

### **BRANCH HILL**

Branch Hill was laid out in 102 lots on Jan. 3, 1873, by Col. John H. Branch for whom the village was named. Branch and "Cincinnati Enquirer" editor G. M. D. Bloss, another village resident, were both killed on the railroad tracks, about the same time, shortly after the village began. A post office began here in 1847 and was discontinued for the last time in 1933.

### **EPWORTH HEIGHTS**

Epworth Heights began as the Cincinnati Camp Meeting Grounds. It was an extensive development of the Methodist Church and operated by the Cincinnati Camp Meeting Grounds Association. The first camp meeting took place here the week of Sept. 14, 1874 on the 40-acre plot. Camp meetings many times lasted a week or more and consisted of religious preaching and soul saving. Thousands of people attended these meetings. Many of the people were from Cincinnati with many of them arriving by the Little Miami and the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern railroads. The first Chautauqua took place here in August 1890. A Chautauqua was described by its founder, John H. Vincent, a Methodist clergyman, as existing to "utilize the general demand for summer rest by uniting daily study with healthful recreation and thus render the occasion one of pleasure and instruction combined." Epworth Heights' grounds contained two auditoriums (one was huge holding 1,500 people), a large tabernacle open on the sides, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, a corral for horseback riding, canoe launches, a reservoir, a hotel, gazebos, foot bridges, and Saint Paul's Methodist Church. There were many cottages on the grounds for permanent residents and areas for parking vehicles and pitching tents for those just attending events. There were more than 700 lots, the average size being 20-feet by 40-feet. Many of the streets were named in honor of people prominent in Methodist history - Asbury Avenue, Coke Avenue, McKendree Avenue, and Wesley Avenue. Grand Avenue was the main street. World War I was the first major disruption of life, automobiles changed recreation habits, and the Depression, beginning in 1929, brought

financial problems. Legal disputes in the 1950s ended the association's control of the land. Clermont County won a court decision that ordered the association to pay taxes on everything except the land on which the chapel sat. Clermont County Common Pleas Court also removed an old clause from the original deed that said if a property was used for any other purpose than religious use, the land would revert back to the association. The association sold its remaining land holdings and went out of business in 1952.

## **GUINEA CITY**

Guinea City existed for a short while as a community. It began about 1870 in the area of the intersection of Branch Hill-Guinea Pike and Paxton-Guinea Road. Four post offices existed here succeeding each other beginning on June 4, 1886, and closing for the fourth and final time on Mar. 15, 1907 when the Loveland post office took over the mail delivery. The largest employer was Felix Motsinger who owned a cooperage here in the mid 1800s.

## **MIAMIVILLE (MIAMISVILLE)**

Miamiville was laid out by Moses F. Robinson on Sept. 29, 1849. It originally consisted of 17 lots. He opened the first store in town before the year was over. The first industry in the area was the mills of Enoch Buckingham who built them about 1810. John S. and Mark Buckingham built mills in town about 1830; a grain distillery was added about 1835. Other early businesses included two machine shops, a cooperage, a blacksmith shop, a shoe shop and, in later years, a tomato canning plant. The first doctor in town was William McHenry in 1856. It is believed the first tavern opened in town was that of Riley Woodlief in 1850. The first church was the Christian Church that was organized on Feb. 6, 1854, by Elder Thomas Brandon. The Methodist Church may have been begun by disgruntled members of the Christian Church. The village was invaded by Gen. John Hunt Morgan's Raiders early in the morning of July 14, 1863. The Confederate States cavalrymen derailed a train near present Beech Road. The overturned train killed Cornelius Conway, the train's fireman. It is said he haunts the site where he was killed. The Miamiville Cemetery Association was formed on Apr. 10, 1866. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery is Charlie Henry Rich, the man who dealt the "Dead Man's Hand" to Wild Bill Hickok in Deadwood, S. D., on Aug. 2, 1876. The Miamiville Special School District was established on Apr. 7, 1876, by an act of the Ohio General Assembly. The school had two rooms for all eight grades and later offered instruction for just grades one-six. Abraham Lincoln passed through Miamiville in February 1861 on his way to his inauguration as President of the United States. The Little Miami Railroad began operation in 1841. Today the route is used as the Little Miami Scenic Trail.

## **MOUNT REPOSE**

Mount Repose is believed to have had its beginnings along the old Chillicothe Turnpike (present S. R 28) when it was regarded as a resting place or stopover from the long climb up the hill from Milford. The first business is believed to have begun in 1828 when Mr. Selden began a merchandising operation. A post office began in 1867 and continued until 1907. On the eastern end of town an inn was operated by the Porter family and Jacob Wainwright operated a blacksmith shop. Aaron Condo was a village wheelwright and Charles McGee was the village cooper. Mount Repose was the site of Camp Repose, or

Camp Shady, where armaments and supplies were stored during the War Between the States. It was attacked and destroyed by Gen. John Hunt Morgan's Raiders on July 14, 1863. Years later, when construction was going on in the area, cannon barrels and ammunition were uncovered.

### **MULBERRY (NEWBERRY or NEW SALISBURY)**

Originally, the area was known as Newberry when it was laid out by Thomas Shumard in 1818. It consisted of only five lots on the north side of present U.S. 28. The plat for New Salisbury was made on the south side of the road by Thomas Combs on Aug. 22, 1833. It consisted of 40 lots. The first business was begun by William McGrew about 1820; he sold merchandise. In 1831 a post office was established here under the name of Mulberry, probably because of mulberry bushes in the area. The next year a public house, or hotel, was opened by Gabriel Leming. Other businesses located in town were a saw mill, a blacksmith shop, a wagon maker, a shoe shop, a brick maker, a cooperage, a distillery, and a tannery. Mulberry's biggest claim to fame was the exporting of fruit from the many types of fruit trees and vines in the area. It is said Clermont County may have been the United States' major exporter of fruit before Florida became a state and much of the produce came from Mulberry.

### **O'BANNONVILLE (O'BANIONVILLE)**

O'Bannonville received its importance because it was about the midway point between the county seats of Clermont (Williamsburgh) and Warren (Lebanon) on a much-used stagecoach route. The community and O'Bannon Creek took their name from the first surveyor in Clermont County, John O'Bannon, from Versailles, Ky., a community he helped begin. Business began to thrive around this halfway stopping point. Cox's Inn attracted most of the travelers. Joshua Cox is said to have settled near Goshen in 1792. Since this area was still in control of the Shawnee Indians, it is more likely he moved to the area after Aug. 3, 1795, when the Treaty of Greeneville, Ohio, was signed that required the Indians to surrender about the southern two-thirds of the present state of Ohio. Regardless, Cox began operation of a mill that also included a distillery that kept his tavern supplied with liquid refreshment. By 1810, O'Bannonville had two blacksmith shops, a wool carding shop, a cobbler, a general store, and a post office. Col. William Ramsey, grandson of the first settler of the area, Col. Thomas Paxton, purchased 15 acres on which to build a subdivision, but the coming of the railroad changed his plans. A. C. Pickleheimer ran a stone shipping company and O'Bannonville picked up the nickname "Pickleville." The trains ended the stops in town about 1920. Grailville was established here in 1944. It is an adult educational and conference center operated by the Grail, an international women's organization that is an ecumenical movement for women of all Christian backgrounds. It is open to both women and men and offers programs of women, social justice, personal growth, and spirituality. The "main house" was built in 1890.

### **PERINTOWN (PERIN'S MILLS)**

Perintown began with the Samuel Perin's purchase of 14 acres along present Round Bottom Road in 1813. Here, along the East Fork of the Little Miami River, Perin built the first saw mill in the area in 1814. In 1817 he built a small gristmill. Thus, the community was originally known as Perin's Mills. In 1824 Perin built a tannery that was managed by

Enoch Ross. This brought greater employment and business to the area. A distillery was built near the present intersection of U. S. 50 and Pleasant Hill-Wolfpen Road. Additional sawmills were built that supplied wood for the building of flatboats. The flatboats brought Perintown its fame and fortune. They transported flour, salt pork, lumber, leather, and other products as far as New Orleans. Samuel's son, Ira, operated the overland freight wagons that brought food and other supplies back to Clermont County. Perin's Mills is said to have become, for several years, the largest active market in the area, including Cincinnati. Wheat, corn, barley, rye, and hogs were some of the products. In 1850, the Cahoon family took over the ownership of the mills. Fire destroyed the distillery in 1853 and the gristmill in 1862. In Clermont County, present U. S. 50 was finished in 1806 and was first known as the Anderson State Road; in 1831 it became known as the Milford-Chillicothe Turnpike. Before all this, the Joshua B. Davis stagecoach line came through town. The first railroad came through in 1876 and it was replaced in 1884 by the Cincinnati and Eastern Railroad. The tracks now serve the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. The C & E station was known as the Cahoon Station for the family that owned the property. The station still stands. A traction line, known as the Swing Line, stopped in Perintown from 1910-19. Clermont County's first electrical power station was built near the corner of Binning and Round Bottom roads. It furnished power for the traction lines. To the east of the station was Gravel Beach, a recreation area that was in operation in the early 1900s. Other businessmen moved into town including Mose Elstun, the cabinetmaker, and Samuel Teal, the first blacksmith. Teal was a member of the family of Tealtown Road fame. The first hotel began operation in 1824 under Joseph Cline; it was destroyed by fire in 1965. The first doctor is believed to have been Dr. Williams who arrived in 1835. Samuel Perin built the Methodist Church in 1834, the first church building in town. The present United Methodist Church building was built in 1885 to replace the original that had been destroyed by fire in 1884. Many of the Perins are buried in the cemetery including Capt. Isaac Perin who at 24 years of age died in the explosion of his new sidewheel steamer, Moselle, on Apr. 25, 1838. This tragedy is regarded by many riverboat historians to be the worst river disaster ever. It occurred on the north bank of the Ohio River just upriver from Cincinnati. A two-room schoolhouse was built in 1889 on the NW corner of U.S. 50 and Pleasant Hill-Wolfpen Road. It closed in 1953 to consolidate with the Owensville School District and it was destroyed by fire in 1965. Two stately mansions were demolished in the past 25 years that were of historical significance to Perintown. Samuel Perin's home stood on the SW corner of Round Bottom Road and U. S. 50. (now the site of the United Dairy Farmer store). On the north side of U.S. 52, just west of the United Dairy Farmer's stood the home of Dr. Woodward who had married into the Perin family. His home was built after the Civil War on the site of another home of Samuel Perin. It was demolished in the winter of 1999-2000 to make way for future development. A school building was located in the back of Dr. Woodward's home.

### **PLEASANT HILL (DAY HEIGHTS)**

Pleasant Hill began in the area of the present intersection of Pleasant Hill-Wolfpen Road and S. R. 131. It is believed it received its name from the pleasant location atop this Miami Township Hill. By about 1820 a Methodist Episcopal Church had its beginning in the area. The recently used name of Day Heights came about because the Day family

moved to the area and became well-known farm land owners in the early 1960s. Pleasant Hill-Wolfpen Road is believed to have received its name from the connection of the road between the community and a pen (den) of wolves that lived in the hills at the south end of the present road.

### **WARDS CORNER**

This community once stood at the intersection of Ward's Comer Road and Branch Hill-Guinea Pike. It was named after several families of Ward that moved here probably in the early 1800s. The area was known as Ward's Comer at least by the Civil War. A skirmish between local men, led by Lt. Paxton and Sgt. Ramsey, and Gen. John Hunt Morgan's Raiders took place here on the morning of July 14, 1863. One of the Confederate cavalymen was wounded in the neck and died and was buried here (site unknown). Morgan is said to have warned the local citizens to give his soldier a decent Christian burial or he would return and wreak revenge. Paxton and Ramsey were descendants of Loveland's first settlers.

## **Miami Township Officials, Boards and Commissions**

### **Miami Township Trustees**

Trustees meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Miami Township Administration Building, 5900 McPicken Drive. The public is always welcome! Trustee Meetings Minutes, Special Meetings Minutes and Resolutions are posted on the township website. However, minutes of the trustee meetings are not posted until they are approved by the Trustees. Generally, this happens at the next scheduled trustee meeting.

#### **Chairman of the Board of Trustees**

Ed Humphrey

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#### **Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees**

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#### **Member of the Board of Trustees**

Mary Makley Wolff

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#### **Chief Fiscal Officer of Miami Township**

Eric Ferry

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**Zoning Commission**

The Miami Township Zoning Commission has five members and one alternate appointed by the Board of Trustees. All members must be residents of Miami Township. The Commission is responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Trustees on issues relating to planning and zoning. The Commission meets the first Thursday of each month at the Township Administration Building, 5900 McPicken Drive. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

**Chairman of the Zoning Commission**

Angela Maccani

**Vice Chairman of the Zoning Commission**

Isaac Anderson

**Members of the Zoning Commission**

T. J. Siberski,  
Eric Laing  
Kim Brady  
Kevin Malof, Alternate

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

The Miami Township Board of Zoning Appeals has five members and one alternate appointed by the Board of Trustees. All members must be residents of Miami Township. This Board is responsible for hearing and deciding appeal cases when a resident or business feels the requirements of the Zoning Resolution are too restrictive and create a hardship in the use of their property. The Board meets the first Monday of each month in the Trustees meeting room, 5900 McPicken Drive. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

**Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals**

Richard Goettke

**Vice Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals**

Tom Berens

**Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals**

Louis Ethridge  
Wayne Loudermilk  
Paula Walker  
Tom Wilkening, Alternate

## **Administrative Staff**

Miami Township staff members are here to serve you. If you have a question, comment, suggestion or concern please call us at 248-3725. Your questions will be answered as quickly as possible.

### **Administrator -David Duckworth**

David Duckworth is the Miami Township Administrator. He was hired in 1989 as the Assistant Township Administrator and was promoted to the position of Township Administrator in 1991. He is responsible for the day-to-day management of the township which includes administering an annual budget of over \$20 million, managing a workforce of 160 employees, and ensuring that public services are delivered efficiently and effectively to the 41,000+ residents of the township. He attended Northern Kentucky University where he earned both a Bachelors and Masters degree in Public Administration.

### **Service Director -Walt Fischer**

Walt Fischer has been the Service Director at Miami Township since 1991. He attended the Ohio College of Applied Science-University of Cincinnati, graduating in 1972. After college, Walt joined his family's highway construction company where he worked as a foreman. He later worked as superintendent and blaster at their strip mines in Eastern Kentucky. Walt is responsible for the maintenance of Township roads, parks, cemeteries, buildings and service equipment. Walt and his wife, Peg, live in Miami Township with their two sons.

### **Police Chief - R. Steven Bailey**

Chief Bailey has been Chief of the Miami Township Police Department since May 1995. Previously, he was the Assistant County Administrator/Director of Emergency Planning and Operations for Clermont County. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Miami University. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati. He is married and has two children.

### **Fire and EMS Chief - Jim Whitworth**

Chief Whitworth has been Chief of the Miami Township Fire and Emergency Medical Service since July, 1992. Prior to coming to Miami Township he served 10 years beginning in 1982 with the Blue Ash Fire Department as Captain. His primary responsibility at Blue Ash was to implement and manage the paramedic level emergency medical service. Previously, Chief Whitworth served as a volunteer with the Golf Manor Fire Department, progressing to the rank of Assistant Chief.

### **Community Development Director - Larry Fronk**

Larry Fronk has been Community Development Director of Miami Township since 1997. Previously he was Community Development Director for the City of Forest Park,

as well as planner for the Clermont County Planning Commission and for the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission in southern Illinois. Larry has over 20 years experience in local government planning and community development. He holds a Bachelors degree in Political Science and a Masters degree in Public Administration and Urban Affairs from Indiana State University. Larry is married with three children.

### **Information Services Manager - Chris Snow**

Chris Snow has been Miami Township's Information Services Administrator since 1998 after working for many years in private industry. Chris is responsible for the township computers, servers, web site, telephones, cell phones and pagers. He is responsible for all upgrades, maintenance, purchasing and security. He makes sure those services are available for township employees and township residents. Chris has a Bachelors degree in Computer Engineering and lives in Miami Township with his wife and two children

### **Recreation Director - Krystin Thibodeau**

Krystin Thibodeau is the Recreation Director for Miami Township, supervising and coordinating all activities for the Recreation Department. She worked as a Recreation Coordinator for almost two years prior to being promoted to Assistant Recreation Director in February of 2004. Prior to joining Miami Township, she worked 12 years as a District Manager for KinderCare Learning Centers in the greater Cincinnati and Dayton area. Krystin and her husband, Paul, live in Miami Township with their three children.

### **Community Relations Director - Tim Pennington**

Tim Pennington has been the Miami Township Community Relations Coordinator since 2003. He is responsible for writing and producing the township's quarterly newsletter, as well as for creating programs on the Miami Township TeleVision government access channel. Tim was Director of Marketing and Communications for the PGA TOUR event in Cincinnati, as well as an account executive with several large Cincinnati advertising and marketing firms. Previously he was a writer for the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Cincinnati Post, and an NFL writer for USA Today. He lives with his wife have two children.

## Miami Township Parks

With many thanks to the citizens of Miami Township for their support and contributions, Miami Township can boast of one of the finest park systems in the area, with over 300 acres dedicated to the recreational enjoyment of residents. Many residents feel the Miami Township Park slogan, "Something for Everyone" is right on the mark. Miami Township parks offer walking trails, playgrounds, fields for baseball, soccer and football, courts for volleyball, basketball and tennis, plus fishing, horseshoe pits, picnic and reception facilities, a skate park and much more.

There are five parks in Miami Township: Community Park, Paxton Ramsey Park, Miami Riverview Park, Longfield Acres and Miami Meadows Park. Development of the park system began in 1990 with the creation of a Parks and Recreation Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Since 1991, Miami Township has acquired over 300 acres of land that has been set aside for parks and recreation. In 1995, Miami Township residents approved a 1.5 mill levy for parks and recreation purposes. The levy provides the funding necessary to build, maintain and improve the parks. In 1999 and 2004, voters renewed the 1.5 mill park levy and another 5-year plan was created. The Miami Township Parks System and Recreation Programs are designed for residents' enjoyment and relaxation. If there is anything the Miami Township Board of Trustees, or the Township Administration Staff can do to make the park system more enjoyable, please let us know. Whether you are young or old, or somewhere in between, we think you'll agree that Miami Township Parks truly do have "Something for Everyone!"



## **COMMUNITY PARK**

In August 1990, Miami Township purchased 17 acres of land on Buckwheat Rd. and created Community Park with picnic areas with grills, tables and playground equipment. In 1994, Phase II of the project brought much more with a new picnic shelter, walking trails and additional parking. Just as Miami Township has continued to grow, so has Community Park. Today's park includes three tennis courts, a volleyball court and two horseshoe pits. The natural amphitheater is perfect for the "Music in the Park" series and "Free Movie Nights" hosted each summer. Community Park also is the home of the Leming House, which offers indoor facilities for receptions, parties and meetings. The original house was built around 1840 by settler Randall Leming, and is reminiscent of the rural lifestyle that existed in Miami Township in the 19th century.

## **LONGFIELD ACRES**

Longfield Acres is in the subdivision of the same name and was obtained by Miami Township in 1993 to add a second park to the Township's park system. The facility includes various playground equipment, a picnic area and a baseball field. Reservations are not required for Longfield Park; the picnic area is on a first-come-first-served basis.

## **PAXTON-RAMSEY**

The 25-acre Paxton-Ramsey Park was dedicated in June 1997. Named after the Paxton and Ramsey families who were original settlers of the Miami Township, the park offers a picnic shelter, playground, four baseball fields in the Spring and four soccer fields in the Fall, as well as walking trails and a basketball court.

## **MIAMI MEADOWS**

Miami Township was able to acquire approximately 170 acres of land at on State Route 131 in August 1995, and another 25 acres in 1997 to form what is now Miami Meadows Park, the crown jewel in the Miami Township park system. Miami Meadows Park offers numerous soccer, football and baseball fields; basketball courts and a skate park, as well as walking trails, a playground area and two picnic shelters. Miami Meadows also has a beautiful lake that is used on a "catch and release" basis for fishing by residents. In addition, a major portion of the park is declared a wetland and reserved for wildlife habitat.

## **MIAMI RIVERVIEW PARK**

In March of 2000, Miami Township acquired 25 acres on Loveland-Branch Hill Rd and turned it into Miami Riverview Park. A year later, another 10 acres was added, making the park a total of 35 acres and adding a sledding hill. Miami Riverview Park has baseball fields, soccer fields, a picnic shelter, restroom facilities, walking trails, a tennis court and other recreational activities suitable for the entire family. A connection to the Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail was developed in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and makes this park an even bigger attraction than it already is.

## Miami Township Departments

### **Administrator's Office**

The Miami Township Administrator's Office includes the Township Administration, the Fiscal Officer's staff, and all other Administrative Staff. It is located inside the Miami Township Civic Building at 5900 McPicken Drive, just behind the Central Fire Station on Route 28. General questions about township operations and functions may be directed to the Administrative Staff. Questions related to a specific department (police, fire, road maintenance, recreation, zoning) should be directed to that department first.

*How to reach the Miami Township Administrative Offices*

Miami Township Administration Staff: (513) 248-3725

Miami Township Civic Building, 5900 McPicken Drive, Miami Township, OH 45150

Administrative Staff Hours: Mon – Fri 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed weekends, holidays

### **Police Department**

The Miami Township Police Department is an internationally accredited agency consisting of 44 sworn employees and five non-sworn support service employees with diverse backgrounds in the law enforcement profession. We have a strong sense of pride and duty about our work and we are dedicated to the service of our citizens. The Miami Township Police Department offers many services to the community through a variety of programs and specialized units. These include a road patrol division, bike patrol unit, traffic safety unit, a canine team, D.A.R.E. and school resource officers, Community Oriented Policing (COP) officers, and an Investigations division. Officers of the Miami Township Police Department's Patrol Division spend much of their time on the lookout for criminal activity and potential disturbances, traffic violations and hazards, dangerous situations and conditions, and people in need of assistance. Patrol officers are the first to respond in the event of emergencies, disturbances, crimes, traffic problems or accidents. Whenever possible, they will handle the situation with whatever immediate action is appropriate, perform follow-up investigations or make referrals as necessary. The majority of incidents are handled from start to finish by the initially responding Patrol officers, however, they can call upon a variety of specialized resources within the Miami Township Police Department when appropriate. Patrol officers make full use of community resources to assist with their mission, and invest as much time as possible in maintaining the Police Department's most direct link with the public it serves.

*How to reach the Miami Township Police Department*

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911 - MTPD Crime Tip HOTLINE 248-5786

To speak with or see an officer Non-Emergency (513) 732-2231

Miami Township Police Administration Staff (513) 248-3721

Miami Township Police Department Headquarters: 5900 McPicken Drive

Police Staff Hours: Mon – Fri. 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat-Sun 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays

## **Fire/EMS**

The Miami Township Fire and Emergency Medical Service is the branch of township operations providing fire, rescue, and emergency medical response. Miami Township Fire/EMS employs 44 full-time employees supplemented by a dynamic group of part-time and volunteer personnel. Currently 39 of the full-time personnel work a 24 / 48 hours shift system where they are on-duty for 24 then are off-duty for 48 hours. The other full-time staff is administrative, working normal business hours. All personnel are required to be cross trained to a minimum State of Ohio EMT-B, and State Certified Fire fighter. Additionally, all full-time personnel are required to complete an intense six week Fire Academy course and all newly hired employees are Ohio Paramedic Certified. We also employ an administrative assistant at our headquarters. The service operates 3 stations which are manned 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Our fleet consists of 3 primary engines, 1 brush fire unit, 1 salvage/rehab unit, 3 advanced life support ambulances, 1 supervisor vehicle, 3 chief's cars, and 3 staff/utility vehicles. All engines are equipped with advanced life support equipment, generators, gasoline powered fans, foam, and rescue cutters/spreaders. Our run volumes have risen steadily as the population of the township has increased. A sample of the services provided by us include fire rescue response, emergency medical treatment and transport, fire safety inspections, public fire education (schools and business), fire hydrant maintenance, juvenile fire setter education, senior citizen safety programs, and CPR / first aid programs.

*How to reach the Miami Township Fire/EMS*

**FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911**

Central Station 5888 McPicken Drive • Non-Emergency Phone: 248-3700

North Station: 6492 Branch Hill Guinea • Phone 248-3709

South Station: 1154 U.S. Rt. 50 • Phone 248-3706

Staff Hours: Mon – Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed Saturdays - Sunday - holidays

## **Service Department**

The Miami Township Service Department's mission is to ensure the public safety by providing quality maintenance of township infrastructure: its roads, buildings, cemeteries and parks. Our goal is to achieve customer satisfaction by providing public services with pride, courtesy and commitment. The department is responsible for the many tasks that go into maintaining the 440 streets with a total of 130 road miles; 4 parks covering 250 acres; 3 cemeteries; and all township buildings. The department has pioneered computerized infrastructure management since 1994 with computers located in trucks to not only reduce paperwork, but also provides current information and mapping to our employees while in the field. Our fleet of 10 salt trucks is capable of salting all the township streets in 4 hours. When plowing is necessary (total accumulation of 3" or more) the plowing process is completed in two passes. The first pass opens the roads to traffic, while the second pass pushes the snow back for mail delivery. This process takes 8 hours or more after it stops snowing. Mailbox and yard damage is repaired in a timely manner; please call 248-3728 to report a problem. Salt usage has been reduced with the installation of ground sensing equipment. Calcium Chloride systems on the trucks improve our ability to melt snow and ice even in sub-zero conditions. Salt supply problems will no longer limit our capabilities; a season's worth of salt is stored in the dome off Meijer Drive. Potholes are filled as reported. Any pothole capable of causing

damage to a car is filled immediately. To report potholes please call the Service Department office at 248-3728.

*How to reach the Miami Township Service Department*

Main Office: 5900 McPicken Drive; Phone: (513) 248-3728 • Fax: (513) 248-3730

## **Community Development**

The Community Development Department is responsible for all zoning, code enforcement and land-use planning activities in Miami Township. Miami Township has its own Zoning Resolution, which establishes local control of zoning and puts the future of the township in the hands of locally elected officials. Currently the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals, both made up of Miami Township residents appointed by the Board of Trustees, enforce and make recommendations on zoning matters. The Zoning Commission hears and submits recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding proposed amendments to the Zoning Resolution or the zoning map. The Board of Trustees makes the final decision on all zoning amendments. The Board of Zoning Appeals hears and makes decisions relating to special requests or variances from the strict enforcement of the Zoning Resolution. The Board of Appeals also hears appeals from decisions made by the Community Development staff. Miami Township has seen tremendous growth in the last several decades, as the community has transformed from rural countryside to a bustling suburban community. People and businesses are finding Miami Township to be a great place to live, work and play. Zoning is the tool used to direct this growth and to ensure Miami Township maintains its livable neighborhoods and its vibrant business districts. Community Development staff review plans and issue zoning certificates for all residential and commercial property improvements. Miami Township is also one of only a few townships with an adopted Property Maintenance Code to provide a tool to address nuisance issues that effect property.

*How to reach the Miami Township Community Development*

Main Office: 5900 McPicken Drive; Phone: (513) 248-3731 • Fax: (513) 248-3730

## **Parks & Recreation**

The Miami Township Parks and Recreation Department enriches the lives of our residents through recreational activities, enhancement of natural beauty in our public parks, and by maintaining a safe, clean environment. With approximately 300 acres of green space, Miami Township has the best park system in the area. There are five parks in the Miami Township Park System; Community Park on Buckwheat Road, Paxton Ramsey Park on Price Road, Miami Meadows Park on State Route 131, Miami Riverview Park on Branch Hill Loveland Road and Longfield Acres in the Longfield subdivision. There's something here for everyone, whether it's playing baseball, basketball, tennis, football, volleyball or soccer; fishing at our catch and release lake; trying out your latest moves at our Skatepark; or taking a leisurely ride along the Little Miami Scenic Bike Trail. We consistently strive to meet the best interests of the community in short-term as well as long-term goals. Our Parks and Recreation Programs are based on the fact that children perform best in a positive, fun, learning environment, and that adults need to have some fun and enjoyment, too. The Miami Township Parks



and Recreation Department is committed to providing year-round activities to residents of all ages. Programs and activities sponsored by the department are fee-based and are generally not subsidized by Township tax dollars. The Miami Township park system is open to all residents without fee. If you would like to reserve a particular field or facility, a permit is required through the Township offices at minimal cost. In addition, Miami Township encourages persons with special needs to participate in all programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodations or a “Program Buddy”, please contact the Director of Parks and Recreation in advance to discuss your specific needs. Miami Township can boast of one of the finest parks systems in the area, with over 300 acres dedicated to the recreational enjoyment of residents. The parks offer walking trails, playgrounds, fields for baseball, soccer and football, courts for volleyball, basketball and tennis, plus fishing, horseshoe pits, picnic and reception facilities, a skate park and much more. We hope you enjoy the Miami Township Parks and Recreation Department’s activities and camps, and please let us know if we can help make your experience better by calling us at 513-248-3725.

*How to reach the Miami Township Parks & Recreation*

Main Office: 5900 McPicken Drive; Phone: (513) 248-3725 • Fax: (513) 248-3730

## **Community Relations Department**

The Miami Township Community Relations Department provides information for residents through the township’s website, newsletter and government access channel on cable television. The Miami Township newsletter is mailed to more than 12,000 residences four times each year: January, April, July and October. The newsletter is filled with information about Miami Township activities and events, including a guide to the Miami Township Parks & Recreation programs. In addition, updates on the Police, Fire/EMS, Service and Community Development departments are included to keep residents up-to-date on what is happening in their community and what their government is doing for them. The Miami Township website is located at [www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov](http://www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov) and provides up-to-the-minute news and information on everything you wanted to know about Miami Township. Each department has its own page link, and residents can email directly those leaders of the departments, as well as the Board of Trustees. Meeting agendas are placed on the website, as well as detailed minutes of past meetings so that residents can learn about their community and what is taking place. Residents will also find forms and documents to download and use, as well as special page to notify Miami Township departments and the administration about specific concerns or problems. Miami Township TeleVision on Channel 8/15 features programming on township events and departments to keep residents informed on the latest developments, or important news. The channel also runs a constant “Bulletin Board” between programs to provide details and news about upcoming events in the community, and groups are encouraged to submit their event.

*How to reach Community Relations*

Main Office: 5900 McPicken Drive; (513) 248-3725 • Fax: (513) 248-3730

## **Miami Township Services and Information**

### **Other Services Water and Sewer**

The Clermont County Water and Sewer District provide services to the majority of Township residents and businesses. The water and sewer rates are very competitive with rates provided by area water and sewer providers.

### **Waste Removal**

Township residents and businesses contract individually for waste removal services. The two companies providing service currently are Rumpke: 1-800-626-3136 and CSI (BFI/Clermont County Waste Removal): (513) 771-4200.

### **Electricity**

Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company provides this service to all Township residents and businesses.

### **Miami Township TeleVision**

Miami Township TeleVision on Channel 8/15 is a function of the Miami Township Community Relations Department, which produces programming for the channel. This government access channel is reserved under the township's cable communication franchise and is owned, operated and staffed by Miami Township. The purpose of Miami Township TeleVision to present programming on government issues and services to the public, and to perform related video communication services for township departments such as Police, Fire, Service, Recreation and Community Development. The cable franchisee has no control over the content of government access programs. Programming on Miami Township TeleVision is administered under the authority of the Miami Township Board of Trustees, which has final authority on individual programming decisions. Arrangements for government access programming requests should be made by contacting Miami Township TeleVision at 248-3725. In general, submittals must have a government entity as a sponsoring access user. Programs are subject to the township's discretion as we consider the purpose of the government access channel, the quality of the materials submitted, viewer interest and public informational value, programming schedule considerations, and Miami Township TeleVision equipment, facilities and staffing resources and limitations.

### **[www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov](http://www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov)**

Miami Township wants to keep you informed about your community with a new feature to its website. "Keep In Touch" allows residents to receive periodic information via email about happenings in Miami Township. Visit [www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov](http://www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov) to sign up.

### **SafetyNet**

SafetyNet is an email program that allows residents to receive notification of urgent safety related issues. Please visit the our website to learn more.

## **Recreation Programs**

Recreational opportunities abound at our parks. Activities are year round and include annual events such as Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Lunch with Santa, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Thanksgiving Friendship and Midsummer at the Meadows, which is the highlight event of the year. Midsummer at the Meadows includes a free concerts by bands of national celebrity, and a grand finale fireworks show. Weekly events at our parks include Park Walkers and Reading Under the Tree. Monthly events include Senior Bridge and Board Games and Euchre club. The Recreation department sponsors over 70 events a year including Youth Summer Nature Camps, Dinosaur Day, Stargazing, Kindermusik, Self defense courses, Tot days, Zoo Wildlife, Teen dances, Fishing derbies, birding club, grilling classes, Safety day, Boo Bash and many more! To register for a program mail or drop off the registration form with check/money order payable to Miami Township Recreation Dept., 5900 McPicken Drive, Miami Township, OH 45150. For questions, please call 513-248-3725 ext. 116. No telephone registrations permitted.

## **Leming House and park shelters**

The Leming House is one of Miami Township's treasures, and can be rented for any special occasion. Located on Buckwheat Road in Community Park, the original house was built circa 1840. Randall Leming purchased the 160 acres from the Megrue family in 1844. The Leming family came to Ohio from New Jersey in 1806. All picnic shelters accommodate 60-80 people and can be reserved by calling 248-3725.

## **Athletic Fields**

The Parks and Recreation Department operates 21 soccer fields and 9 baseball fields. Various athletic leagues play at the Miami Township parks including the Miami Township Soccer Club, Milford Football Club, Milford Youth Football, Milford Area Church League, Miamiville Baseball and the Greater Loveland Baseball and Softball Association. Unless fields have been reserved, they are open on a first come basis. Please call 248-3725 for more information.

## **'MidSummer at the Meadows'**

Since the Grand Opening of the Miami Meadows Park in July 1999, the residents of Miami Township have been able to enjoy a grand celebration each summer called "Midsummer at the Meadows." Each celebration includes live music from national recording artists, the Beat the Heat 5K Run, food and drinks from area restaurants, and numerous other activities for adults and kids of all ages. The grand finale for Midsummer at the Meadows is a fabulous fireworks display on Saturday evening by the world-famous Rozzi's Famous Fireworks from our community. Each year, Miami Township receives the generous support of local businesses and organizations to make Midsummer at the Meadows a world-class event. Partnering with local sponsors this year, Miami Township looks forward to providing our residents a family oriented, fun-filled, and exciting celebration of our Park System

## VISION2025

The “Imagine Miami: VISION 2025 Miami Township Comprehensive Plan” is designed to guide the township’s future growth, development, and enhancement by providing a clear statement of the community’s preferred future characteristics. The Plan provides a foundation for the community’s future decisions by helping the community understand its existing conditions and likely future events, recognize and establish its Vision, evaluate its opportunities for reaching that Vision, and develop the tools necessary to implement the recommendations resulting from that Vision. To protect and maintain the community’s unique character in the face of these local and regional pressures, it is vital for the Township and its residents to: Accurately understand its physical conditions, current issues and probable future trends; Clearly articulate the characteristics of the community that residents want to live in into the future; and Evaluate and select the land use planning and land use management tools that will help the community achieve these goals to the greatest extent possible. This Plan was designed to meet these needs.

## Zoning Fees

The Zoning fees charged for different types of Zoning Certificates help offset the cost of running the Community Development Department. The fees directly charge the users of the service and limits the amount of tax dollars needed to operate the Department. Please call 248-3731 for additional information

<b>Description</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Residential Alteration	\$50
Accessory Structures	\$50
Swimming Pool	\$50
New Business Permit	\$150
Non Conforming certificate	\$25
Signs (40 sq ft or less)	\$100
Signs (40-60 sq ft)	\$125
Signs (greater than 60 sq ft)	\$200
Temporary Sign	\$50
Temporary Business permit	\$80
Copy of Zoning Book	\$20
Copy of Zoning map	\$20
Yard Sale Permit	\$5

## What do I Need to Obtain a Zoning Certificate?

To obtain a Zoning Certificate you must complete an application form. This is a one page form that provides basic information on the proposed project. In addition to the application form you must provide two (2) copies of a site plan and one (1) copy of the plans for your project. There is an application fee required for each application.

**How Long Does it Take to Get a Zoning Certificate?**

Most Zoning Certificates can be issued the same day over the counter provided the application is complete. Commercial, Industrial and multi-family projects will require more time due to a requirement for a site plan review. Zoning Certificates for these projects can be issued in approximately two (2) weeks depending on the complexity of the project.

**Where Do I Get a Zoning Certificate?**

Zoning Certificates can be obtained at the Miami Township Department of Community Development located at 5900 McPicken Drive. Office Hours are from 8AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday.

**Snow Removal**

The goal of Miami Township's Service Department snow control program is: to provide timely service at a level which permits safe vehicular access to any township owned street for vehicles equipped with snow tires and persons exercising reasonable judgment. The following items are the "Tools of the Trade" in snowfighting: Fleet Tracking utilizing Global Positioning Satellites (GPS) and GPRS Modem Technology, allows Miami Township residents to monitor the progress of the salt trucks in real time. Salt Brine has been shown to be a cost effective pre-wetting solution for snow and ice control. Miami Township began using salt brine the Winter of 2003-2004 to help improve the effectiveness of rock salt and calcium chloride. Residents will not notice any changes in our operating procedures, however the Service Department will see a significant savings on materials purchased. Rock salt is the most widely used de-icing agent in the United States because of its cost and effectiveness. With favorable temperatures (above about 25 degrees), salt can melt several inches of snow and will prevent or reduce the bonding of compacted snow to pavement surface. Salt usage is monitored through the use of onboard ground sensing hydraulic equipment. The hi-tech salt trucks automatically manage salt usage. Salt application rates are set by the driver but controlled by the truck. As the truck's speed increases the application of salt is increased, as the truck slows and stops the application reduces and stops. A black box also records the application history documenting the date, time, application rate, speed of the truck and annual spreading totals. Township salt consumption has been reduced since the installation of the ground sensing equipment. Calcium Chloride is used to on the rock salt when temperatures fall below 25 degrees and/or when traffic volumes are too light to activate the chemicals. A ratio of 9 gallons of liquid calcium chloride to every ton of sodium chloride (salt). The calcium chloride reacts with the salt to create effective melting at temperatures below zero. Plowing starts once the snow reaches a depth of two inches. Salt truck drivers are usually able to complete their routes in a minimum of 4 1/2 hours. But once plows are attached to the trucks the time needed to complete a route almost doubles.

**Trash Days**

First weekend in May, 7:30am - 5pm; Last weekend in September, 7:30am - 5pm; Enter on Meijer Drive, Exit on McPicken Drive. You must show proof of Miami Township residency. No hazardous materials, paint, batteries or tires

**Brush Days**

Weekend before Easter, 7:30am - 5:00pm; Miami Meadows Park, 1546 State Route 131. Take first right after entering the Park. You must show proof of Miami Township residency. No leaves or timbers

**Christmas Tree Recycling**

December 26th to January 31; Miami Meadows Park, 1546 State Route 131; First right after entering the Park; Open Dawn to Dusk; Questions? Call the Service Department at 248-3728

**Cemeteries**

Miami Township owns and maintains three historic cemeteries: Evergreen Cemetery: 234 Center Street (SR126), Miamiville; Union Cemetery: Branch Hill-Guinea Pike and Weber Road; Mulberry Cemetery: Off Newberry Street. The cemeteries are operated by the Board of Trustees of Miami Township, under the direction of the Miami Township Fiscal Officer and the Service Director. They are operated in conformance with the Laws of the State of Ohio, and in accordance with the appropriate principles of good conduct which the Trustees believe should govern the operation of the cemeteries. Cemetery records are maintained at Miami Township Service Department, 5900 McPicken Drive. Information and assistance regarding burials, deeds, transfers, etc. is available by calling 513-248-3728. Cemetery visitation hours are from sunrise to sunset. Evergreen Cemetery and Union Cemetery contains graves dating back as early as the 1700's. Among the historic gravesites at Evergreen Cemetery is that of Charles Rich, who was known to have dealt the poker hand known as the "Dead Man's Hand" to Wild Bill Hickcock.

**Senior Citizen Safety Program**

In conjunction with the Coalition On Aging and the Miami Township Police Department, the Fire/EMS Department produces a "Senior Home Safety Program," that provides instruction in home safety issues; a "Senior Knox Box Program" with a small safe-like box that attaches to seniors home entry door with a special key available only to Fire/EMS personnel; and a "Senior Gate Keeper Program," whereby Fire/EMS crews are trained to recognize and assist senior citizens that may be at risk of health problems due to the resident's physical, emotional or environmental conditions.

**First Aid Training**

The Fire/EMS Department offers comprehensive first aid courses for citizens and businesses in our community. The course can be tailored to individual needs and generally includes instruction on bleeding control, bandaging, splinting, and medical emergencies.

**Community CPR**

The Fire/EMS Department offers “CPR For Friends and Family” and “Heartsaver CPR”. The monthly course covers adult, child and infant CPR in addition to choking. Also available: CPR for Business or Medical Person

**Child Safety Seat Inspection**

Contact the Fire/EMS department for a free child safety seat inspection. Your safety seat will be inspected by a certified safety technician, and will include helpful instructions and tips for safe operation. Appointment required.

**Child Day Care Training**

The Fire/EMS Department provides a “First Aid For Child Day Care Personnel” training program. This 6-hour class was developed by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and complies with the state first aid training requirements.

**Fire Extinguisher Training**

A hands-on opportunity to use a fire extinguisher to put out a small controlled fire and gain experience in its use. Learn when to use, how to use, and what type to use for specific fires. Also available: Fire Extinguisher Business Training.

**School Resource Officer**

The School Resource Officer is seen as a role model, counselor, and a teacher. There is an emphasis on establishing a positive interactive relationship between the police and the students.

**DARE**

The purpose of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program is an educational approach to helping children resist drugs and alcohol.

**Citizens Police Academy**

The Citizens Police Academy is designed to establish rapport and increase the understanding between the citizens of Miami Township and their police. In addition, you will learn about the management of township government and the operations of the Fire/EMS department.

**Explorers**

The Explorers program is a branch of the Boy Scouts of America designed for young persons aged 14-21. Police and Fire/EMS Explorers participate in many activities and assist officers at community functions, and assisting with D.A.R.E.

**Junior Police Academy**

The Junior Police Academy was originated by the National Association of Veteran Police Officers and is currently being taught in over 2,000 locations throughout the United States.

## **Police Districts**

Miami Township is divided into three police districts, each with its own COP (Community Oriented Policing ) Officer. Our full-time Support Services personnel along with a support Services Manager, are instrumental in the accomplishment of information management and analysis. Crime and enforcement analysis are reported daily and monthly to all employees to use in long-range planning, to identify crime trends and to assist in identification of priorities. Support Services disseminates a daily report to all personnel, reporting all significant incidents and offenses occurring the previous twenty-four hours.

## **211, 511, 711, what is it ?**

- 211 United Way Emergency Social Services When a caller dials 2-1-1, they are connected with a trained specialist who can connect them to thousands of programs and hundreds of local agencies to address their needs.
- 511 Artimis Traveler Information Service. Artimis provides an express mode of accessing 5-1-1 information in addition to the Voice Recognition capabilities. Call 511 and give it a try! Outside the Greater Cincinnati area, dial 513-333-3333. You can leave audio feedback by entering or saying 6 at the main menu.
- 711 Relay services for the deaf and hard of hearing. Telecommunications Relay Service, TRS provides a communications link between people with hearing or speech disabilities using a text telephone (TTY) and people who use voice phones. By dialing 711, you'll reach a TRS center. A communications assistant at the center sets up a connection between the TTY caller and the phone user and "relays" the discussion by typing in the voice-conversation and speaking the text message. All communications assistants have been specially trained to help conversations flow with ease and accuracy. All calls are handled with total privacy.

## **911 Oops...**

If you accidentally call 911, DON'T HANG UP! Stay on the line and explain the situation to the operator. If you hang up, emergency responders will come to your house assuming you have a real emergency.

## **Background check for employment, How to obtain?**

Background checks for employment should be directed to the Clermont County Sheriff's Office located at 4470 State Route 222 in Batavia, Ohio. They may be reached by telephone at (513) 732-7500. There may be a small fee charged. You may also contact the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI&I). The phone number for BCI&I is (740) 845-2000. You can also check online court records for Clermont County [HERE](#).



**Camper Parking On Street**

If a vehicle parked on any street obstructs traffic flow, or bears an expired license plate or is unlicensed, the police can speak with the owner and may issue a warning or citation for the violation. If this type of problem is observed, please call the police dispatcher at 732-2231 and request that a police officer investigate. According to the Township Zoning Officer, if a recreational vehicle is parked forward of the residential building line, basically the front of the home, the owner can be cited for a zoning regulation violation. If this type of problem is observed, please call the Miami Township Zoning Office at 248-3731 and request that a zoning inspector investigate.

**Conceal & Carry Info**

The Ohio Attorney General: [www.ag.state.oh.us](http://www.ag.state.oh.us)

Ohioans for Concealed Carry: [www.ohioccw.org](http://www.ohioccw.org)

Clermont County Sheriff Office website [www.clermontsheriff.org](http://www.clermontsheriff.org)

**Police Complaint, how to file?**

If you wish to file a formal complaint against a Police Officer, it will be necessary for you to follow the complaint process outlined here.

1. Complaints may be made by coming to the office, contacting an officer in the field, or telephoning the police station.
2. During normal working hours (Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) your complaint will be directed to a District Commander.
3. If no District Commander is available your complaint will be directed to an Investigator.
4. If no Investigator is available your complaint will be directed to any Command Staff Officer.
5. If no Command Staff Officer is available your complaint will be directed to the Shift Supervisor.
6. Other than routine business hours, you should contact the appropriate District Commander on the next regular business day.
7. If you do not want to wait, you may file your complaint with the Shift Supervisor.
8. You will be asked to fill out an Allegation/Inquiry form.
9. Your complaint may be tape recorded.
10. A copy of your complaint will be sent to the Chief of Police and an investigator will be assigned to investigate your allegation.
11. You will receive a written letter acknowledging the receipt of your complaint and a time frame for the investigation will be outlined.
12. If the investigation is going to exceed 14 days, you will receive a letter with a new time frame given.
13. At the conclusion of the investigation of your complaint you will receive a letter explaining our findings.
14. Any questions concerning this process should be directed to the appropriate District Commander.

Intentional allegations of false charges may result in criminal prosecution.

## **Dog Nuisance & Restraint**

The Clermont County Humane Society <http://www.animalshelter.com/> outlines requirements and suggestions for keeping pets and neighbors safe and happy. All dogs must be licensed and registered. This is not only the policy of the Clermont County Humane Society, but it is a state law. All owners of dogs older than three months of age must apply for registration each year before January 31st. Registered dogs must wear a license at all times. The Ohio Revised Code 955.22(C) states: No owner, keeper, or harbinger of any dog shall fail at any time to keep it either physically confined or restrained upon the premises of the owner, keeper, or harbinger by a leash, tether, adequate fence, supervision, or secure enclosure to prevent escape. The Miami Township Resolution 92-5 adopted on April 15, 1992 states:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Miami Township finds that the dogs which habitually and frequently howl, bark or yelp creating unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace and quiet of the Township are a nuisance; and, WHEREAS, ORC 955.221 gives townships authority to control such nuisances; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Miami Township: Section 1: No person shall keep or harbor any dog within Miami Township which by frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace and quiet of any person in the Township. Any person who allows any dog habitually to remain or be lodged or fed within any dwelling, building, yard or enclosure, which said person own or occupies, shall be considered to be harboring such dog. Section 2. Whoever violates this resolution is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and can be penalized up to \$100.00 fine. Section 3. This resolution shall become effective April 15, 1992.

## **False Alarm Charges**

Miami Township Police responds to more than 1,000 false alarms annually. This ties up important resources that may be needed elsewhere. The fine schedule for a false alarm in Miami Township is as follows: 1st - 3rd false alarm, no charge; 4th and up \$25 per run. The false alarm count for your residence/business is set back to zero the first of every year.

## **Fingerprints**

Miami Township Police will fingerprint individuals at no charge on Thursday between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Persons may walk-in or call in advance for an appointment. The Department will fingerprint any resident of Miami Township or person employed in Miami Township.

## **Gun Locks and Project Home Safe**

In an effort to promote and encourage the safe handling and proper storage of firearms in the home, the Miami Township Police Department together with the Miami Township Fire/EMS Department will supply you with two free gun locks. Additional locks are \$3.00 each. Please call ahead to confirm that someone is available on the specific day you plan to stop by.

## Noise Standards

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR NOISE WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Miami Township ("the Board") have received numerous complaints regarding noise in Miami Township; and WHEREAS, the Board is empowered by Ohio Revised Code Section 504.04 to exercise all powers of local government not in conflict with general law of the State and to establish local police, sanitary and other regulations; and WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that it is in the best interest of Miami Township and the residents of Miami Township and consistent with public health, safety and to provide standards for noise in the unincorporated areas of Miami Township. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Miami Township, Clermont County, Ohio by authority of Chapter 504 of the Ohio Revised Code, as follows: SECTION 1: No person shall generate or permit to be generated noise or loud sound which is likely to cause inconvenience or annoyance to persons of ordinary sensibilities by means of a live performance, radio, phonograph, television, tape player, compact disc player, loudspeaker, or any other sound amplifying device, or by operation of a motorized vehicle with an internal combustion engine, including but not limited to trucks, passenger cars, motorcycles, dirt bikes, or all terrain vehicles when the sound emanating there from is plainly audible at a distance of 150 feet or more from the source of the noise or loud sound. It is prima facie unlawful for a person to generate or permit to be generated sound by the above described devices or instruments in the following circumstances: (1) On all property or where the sound is plainly audible 150 feet from the device generating the sound. (2) On a street, highway or in the public right-of-way where the sound is plainly audible 150 feet from the device generating the sound. Persons in possession of a current public assemblies permit are exempt from the provisions of this subsection. SECTION 2: No person, being the owner, or person in possession of a premises or person in control of the premises by reason of employment, agency or otherwise whether such ownership, possession or control is exclusive or joint, shall permit a violation of this section. SECTION 3: The provisions of this section shall not apply to any law enforcement motor vehicle in the performance of law enforcement duties or to any emergency vehicle in the performance of any emergency procedures. Furthermore, the provisions of this section do not apply to the noise made by a horn, siren or other warning device required or permitted by state law. SECTION 4: Any and all complaints under this section shall be made in writing and signed by the complainant or law enforcement officer. SECTION 5: As used in this section, PLAINLY AUDIBLE means any sound produced by a live performance, radio, phonograph, television, tape player, compact disc player, loudspeaker, or any other sound amplifying device, motorized vehicle with an internal combustion engine, including but not limited to trucks, passenger cars, motorcycles, dirt bikes, or all terrain vehicles when the sound emanating therefrom can be clearly heard by a person using his normal hearing faculties, at a distance of 150 feet or more from the source of the noise or loud sound. SECTION 6: Any law enforcement officer or person who hears a sound that is plainly audible as defined herein shall be entitled to measure the sound according to the following standards: (1) The primary means of detection shall be by means of the officer's or person's ordinary auditory senses, so long as the officer's or person's hearing is not enhanced by any mechanical device, such as a microphone or hearing aid; and (2) The officer or person must have a direct line of sight and hearing to the source that is producing the sound so that the officer or person can readily identify the offending person and the distance involved; and (3) The officer or person need not determine the particular words or phrases being produced or the name of any song or artist producing the sound. The detection of a rhythmic bass reverberating type sound is sufficient to constitute plainly audible sound. SECTION 7: That the fine imposed for violation of this Resolution be set at \$100 for the first violation, \$500 for the second violation, and \$1,000 for each subsequent violation. SECTION 8: That this Board of Trustees hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. SECTION 9: This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law. First Reading: June 3, 2003\_Second Reading: June 17, 2003\_Effective: July 17, 2003.

**Night Eyes**

Nights eyes is a message card left for property owners by police officers that have made a check of their premises after normal business hours or overnight. On the card the officer will indicate if he or she found anything that might need to be addressed to improve the security of the premises. The card may also be left to let the property owner know that the premise was checked by the police and no security deficiencies were found. Follow up is not required by the premise owner but is encouraged.

**"Soliciting Permit" for door-to-door selling**

Yes, the solicitor is required to complete an application available from the Miami Township Zoning Office located at 5900 McPicken Drive. In return, the solicitor will receive a photo ID detailing their Name, Company, SSN, expiration date and authorizing signature. The solicitor must display the photo ID. Solicitors without a permit should be reported to the police at 732-2231.

**Speed Trailer**

The speed trailer is utilized to increase awareness to the motoring public about their speed. The trailer is designed to operate on any public roadway and is primarily used in subdivisions and school zones. To request a speed trailer in your neighborhood please download and complete the form on the township website. Then mail, fax or hand deliver the form to the Miami Township Police, 5900 McPicken Drive. Fax 248-3720. If you wish to speak to someone about a speed trailer, please call 248-3721

**Victim Assistance**

Victim assistance is a multi level and multi agency approach to assisting victims of crime in the state of Ohio. Check with the Clermont County Prosecutor's Office at 732-7979. Every Miami Township Police Officer has available a packet of victim assistance information. Don't hesitate to ask an officer if you are in need of this information.

**Vacation House Check**

While you are gone the MTPD will check your house. Simply complete this Vacation House Check Form (PDF format) and fax, mail or hand deliver to 5900 McPicken Drive. For details call 248-3721.

**911 Questions**

Questions are asked so that the dispatcher and the emergency responders have all the necessary information regarding descriptions of vehicles/persons involved, any injuries, any weapons used, etc. This also helps the responders understand the severity of the situation, how many officers should respond and the priority for emergency/non-emergency runs. It is important to note that there is NO DELAY in dispatching responders because extra questions are asked. Most often the dispatcher is not the person to whom you are talking with because there are typically two people involved in transferring the information to the responders. One person to receive the 911 call and type the information into the computer, and a second person to conduct radio dispatch. Always stay on the line until the operator tells you it is OK to hang up.

**Burn Permit**

To obtain the actual burn permit you must stop by any of the three fire stations and complete an application. Fires without a burn permit may result in injury or arrest.

**Fireworks**

Ohio law prohibits the use of most fireworks. There are three classifications of fireworks sold in Ohio and only the first classification is legal to use in Ohio, such as sparklers, snakes, smoke-related items, and toy trick novelties. Even though these fireworks are legal, Ohioans should be extremely careful when igniting any fireworks device. All fireworks have the potential to malfunction unexpectedly,

**Become a Firefighter Volunteer**

Contact the Miami Township Fire Department. Fire/EMS has a hiring process that screens for some or all of the following: reading/comprehension ability, general knowledge, criminal activity, drug use, physical ability, pre-existing medical conditions, psychological balance, and truthfulness.

**Fire Extinguisher Service**

There are a number of companies listed in the yellow pages that will service your fire extinguisher including some in the local area. We do not recommend or endorse any specific company.

**Fire Hydrant Painting**

In cooperation with the Clermont County Sewer and Water Districts, the Fire/EMS Department has a regular maintenance program for painting and applying reflective coating to hydrants. If you would like to volunteer to help with this program please call the station at 248-3700.

**Gas shutoff**

Call Cinergy at (513) 421-9500. If you have an accidental gas leak and cannot turn off the gas, please call 911.

**Road Maintenance**

Road maintenance activities included resurfacing programs, repairing damaged asphalt, repairing potholes, and the maintaining of curb and gutters. The majority of the township's 140.23 road miles are made up of subdivision street. The few exceptions included Dry Run, Sugar Camp and Ibold Roads. Collector streets such as Buckwheat Road, Wolfpen-Pleasant Hill Road, Price Road, Cook Road, Woodville Pike, and State Route 28 are maintained by Clermont County Engineer's Office. State Routes (SR28, SR126, SR131, SR48, SR50 and I-275) are maintained by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

## **Road Paving**

The Service Director currently uses a Pavement Management System to assist in the Resurfacing Program. Township roads, are inspected annually. By assigning ratings to road characteristics such as surface distress, smoothness of travel, and curb/gutter distress paving priorities can be established. Once a list has been generated and reviewed, the Board of Trustees reviews and approves the final list of roads. Potholes can be a danger to the motoring public. To report a pothole, you can call 248-3728 or use our online Report It form.

## **Right-of-Way**

What is the Public Right-of-Way? The public right-of-way is the land reserved for, used or to be used for a street, alley, walkway or for other public purposes. Several items may occupy space within the public right-of-way such as sidewalks, street lights, traffic signals, fire hydrants and storm sewers. Public utilities such as gas and electric lines, telephone and cable TV lines may also be within the right-of-way. The Service Department maintains the Township right-of-way in the areas of Road Mowing and Tree Trimming, Dead Animal Removal, Storm Sewers, Street Signs and issuance of Excavation in the Right-of-Way Permits. Miami Township Resolution 2002-15 requires that a permit be obtained prior to the start of any excavation within the Township's right-of-way. The only exception would be in the case of an emergency requiring immediate action to protect the public health, safety and welfare. In which case, a permit must be obtain at the earliest possible opportunity. This includes driveway aprons, curb, gutter, storm drainage, sewer tie-ins, water main tie-ins, street construction and/or repairs, and road cuts made by persons other than Miami Township personnel. Right-of-Way Permit applications can be picked up at the Service Department office located at 5900 McPicken Dr.

## **Right-of-Way Permit Application**

Permit applications can be obtained at the Service Department or downloaded here (pdf file). When submitting an application for a permit, a processing fee of \$50.00 is required before any work can start. Applications should be mailed with payment or taken to the Miami Township Service Department Office located at 5900 McPicken Drive during office hours. What type of work requires a Right-of-Way permit? Driveway repairs or installations that require placement of a culvert pipe. Residents who wish to fill in an open ditch with frontage tile would be required to obtain a permit. New homes, when tapping into the water and sewer lines located in the right-of-way require a permit. For information regarding permits for water and sewer, please refer to Clermont County Permit Central. As a condition to the approval of the Right-of-Way permit, the applicant must submit plans indicating the location, size, type, and duration of the excavation contemplated. Methods of excavation, refilling, and resurfacing must also be specified. The use of warning devices may be required if necessary to protect travelers. The Township also requires that the applicant indemnify the Township against liability or damages as a result of the excavation. In certain cases, a maintenance bond may be required in an amount sufficient to satisfy any anticipated township cost associated with the excavation and/or repair of township roads and/or right-of-ways. If you have any

question if your project would require a Right-of-Way permit, please call the Service Department at 248-3728 or email the Service Director

### **Road Mowing**

Mowing season starts on May 1st of each year and ends around mid-September. It is the Township's goal to have the right-of-ways mowed at least twice each year. The Service Department will mow or trim back the right-of-ways when the sight distance is diminished or when a hazardous condition exist. The Service Department will not trim around power lines or on private property.

### **Tree Trimming**

The Service Department will trim or cut tree limbs or branches that are extending over the pavement or obscuring stop signs, speed limit and other regulatory signs. Property owners are notified prior to our crews trimming these trees by placing a notice on the front door.

### **Road Kill**

You may call the Service Department to report any dead animals that are along any Township maintained road or contact us online by using Report It form. Depending on the level of decomposition and size of the dead animal, the Service Department may remove the animal or treat the animal with a substance that will accelerate the rate of decomposition and reduce the odor. For dead animal pick up on county roads you will need to call the Clermont County Engineer's office at 732-8857 and on state routes you will need to call Ohio Department of Transportation at 797-6008. And dead animal on private property is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove.

### **Storm Sewers**

Miami Township Service is responsible for the storm sewers (open ditches, culverts, catch basins, pipes, and curb inlets) located within the public right-of-way. The Township personnel inspect, clean, repair or replace these components as necessary to keep the flow of storm water. The property owner is responsible for storm sewer pipes, catch basins, and ditches that are located on private property outside the public right-of-way. Right-of-way is normally 25 feet from the center of a roadway. If you would like to request an inspection for a possible blocked or clogged storm sewer, please contact the Service Department at 248-3728 or use our online Report It form. In order to facilitate our efforts to keeping the storm sewers in good working order, the township has begun keeping storm sewer information in a database. This database records the location of storm sewer pipes, catch basins, their sizes and conditions, and to where the water flows. In addition, storm sewer interiors may be videotaped to inspect for cracks and debris. Preventive Maintenance is the best maintenance for storm sewers and ditches. This can only be achieved with the help of township residents. Only storm water (which is the precipitation from rain or melting of snow and ice) should go into the storm sewers and ditches. Leaves, sticks, or other yard waste should not be allowed to collect in ditches or in any area that would allow these items to be washed into the storm sewers and catch basins as they are likely to seriously reduce water flow through the system. Once a storm system is clogged, the resulting back-up of water can create hazards for motorists and

damage to homes. The Service Department will try to clear the blockage with a jet rod (forcing of high pressure water). When this does not work, the last resort is to dig the pipe up and remove the blockage. Storm water flows into nearby creeks, streams, retention ponds, lakes or rivers. It is the property owner's responsibility to maintain the waterways that run through their property. The township will allow homeowners to enclose a ditch (install frontage tile) within the right-of-way at the homeowner's expense. Prior to construction, the homeowner is required to obtain a Right-of-Way Permit from the Service Department. Driveway culverts maintenance, repair or replacement is the responsibility of the property owners. If a driveway culverts is clogged, the homeowner may schedule with the Service Department to clear any blockages in order to maintain the flow of storm water. However, if the blockage is unable to be removed, the property owner will be responsible for the repair or replacement of the culvert pipe.

### **Street Signs**

Miami Township currently has 4200 signs in service. The Township's signs and placement of signs are designed according to the Ohio Manual of Uniformed Traffic Control Devices. Since 1993, installation and maintenance of the Township's signs has been recorded in a database. The database is a critical management tool, as it allows the Township to determine when a sign is nearing its life expectancy, how many times a sign has been replaced or repaired, and using GPS (Global Positioning Satellites) the exact location of each sign in our inventory. Most signs will last about 5-7 years depending on the amount of direct sunlight. The Service Director is always looking to improve the visibility and durability of Township signs. Effective in 2002, replacement signs will utilize a new high intensity sign. The reflective material on these new signs greatly improves the visibility for nighttime driving. Traffic Signals are maintained by the Clermont County Engineer's Office, not Miami Township. To report problems with a traffic signal, please contact the Clermont County Engineer's Office at (513) 732-8857. To report missing or damaged signs, please call the Service Department at 248-3728 or contact us online using our Report It form.

### **How do I register to vote?**

Please contact the Board of Elections at (513) 732-7275. [www.clermontelections.org](http://www.clermontelections.org)

### **Where can I find the Elected Officials?**

The Board of Elections has a current list of Federal, State, Local, and School Board Elected Officials. [www.clermontelections.org](http://www.clermontelections.org)

### **How do I get in touch with Senior Services?**

Clermont County Senior Services, 2085 Front Wheel Drive, P.O. Box 118, Batavia, Ohio 45103. (513) 724-1255. [www.clermontseniors.com](http://www.clermontseniors.com)



## **Miami Township Athletic & Sports Organizations**

## **Miami Township Maps**

## **Miami Township Streets**

**Local Resources****Web Links**

[www.co.clermont.oh.us](http://www.co.clermont.oh.us) - Clermont County  
[www.state.oh.us](http://www.state.oh.us) - State of Ohio  
[www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) - United States House of Representatives  
[www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) - United States Senate  
[www.lovelandoh.com](http://www.lovelandoh.com) - City of Loveland  
[www.milfordohio.org](http://www.milfordohio.org) - City of Milford  
[www.milfordschools.org](http://www.milfordschools.org) - Milford Exempted Village School District  
[www.loveland.k12.oh.us](http://www.loveland.k12.oh.us) - Loveland City School District  
[www.goshenlocalschools.org](http://www.goshenlocalschools.org) - Goshen Local Schools  
[www.cneschools.org](http://www.cneschools.org) - Clermont Northeastern Schools  
[www.clc.uc.edu](http://www.clc.uc.edu) - Univ. of Cincinnati-Clermont College Campus  
[www.milfordmiamitownship.com](http://www.milfordmiamitownship.com) - Milford/Miami Township Chamber of Commerce  
[www.lovelandchamber.org](http://www.lovelandchamber.org) - Loveland Area Chamber of Commerce  
[www.clermontchamber.com](http://www.clermontchamber.com) - Clermont Chamber of Commerce  
[www.clermont2020.org](http://www.clermont2020.org) - Clermont 20/20, Inc  
[www.clermont.lib.oh.us](http://www.clermont.lib.oh.us) - Clermont County Public Library  
[www.clermontseniors.com](http://www.clermontseniors.com) - Clermont Senior Services

**Miami Township Phone Numbers**

911 EMERGENCY  
(513) 248-3725 Board of Trustees  
(513) 248-3725 Administration  
(513) 248-3721 Police Administration  
(513) 248-3700 Fire/EMS Administration  
(513) 248-3728 Service & Roads  
(513) 248-3725 Parks & Recreation  
(513) 248-5513 Park Event Hotline  
(513) 248-3731 Community Development

**Clermont County Phone Numbers**

(513) 732-7300 Board of Commissioners  
(513) 732-7575 Board of Elections  
(513) 732-7499 Health District  
(513) 732-7150 County Auditor  
(513) 732-7000 Clermont County MRDD  
(513) 732-7230 Community Planning and Development  
(513) 732-7182 Community Services  
(513) 732-7661 Department of Public Safety  
(513) 732-8857 Engineer's Office  
(513) 732-8870 Highway Department  
(513) 732-7111 Human Services

(513) 732-8854 Humane Society  
 (513) 732-5466 Clermont Counseling  
 (513) 248-0421 Clermont Counseling Crisis Hotline  
 (513) 732-2977 Park District  
 (513) 732-7313 Prosecuting Attorney  
 (513) 732-7236 Recorder's Office  
 (513) 732-7970 Sewer District  
 (513) 553-4113 Water Emergency (after 4:30 p.m. and holidays)  
 (513) 732-5383 Sewer Emergency (after 4:30 p.m. and holidays)  
 (513) 732-7500 Sheriff's Office Administration  
 (513) 724-7433 Transportation Connection  
 (513) 732-7433 Treasurer's Office

### **State of Ohio Phone Numbers**

(513) 852-3497 Attorney General  
 (513) 732-6120 Bureau of Motor Vehicles-Batavia  
 (513) 683-3454 Bureau of Motor Vehicles-Loveland  
 (513) 248-0500 Bureau of Motor Vehicles-Milford  
 (513) 851-1755 Ohio Department of Natural Resources Watercraft Division  
 (937) 285-6357 Environmental Protection Agency  
 (513) 932-3030 Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)  
 (513) 797-6008 ODOT-Clermont County

### **Who Do I Call?**

911 Non Emergency .....(513) 732-2231  
 Adult Protective .....(513) 732-7173  
 Agriculture Society .....(513) 732-0522  
 Airport.....(513) 735-0522  
 American Red Cross .....(513) 943-6600  
 Animal Shelter .....(513) 732-8854  
 Auditor .....(513) 732-7150  
 Auditor Second Floor.....(513) 732-8149  
 Auto Titles .....(513) 732-7283  
 Better Business .....(513) 421-3015  
 Birth Records Clermont County .....(513) 732-7499  
 Birth Records Hamilton County .....(513) 946-7803  
 BMV .....(513) 732-6120  
 Board of Commissioners.....(513) 732-7300  
 Board of Education .....(513) 735-8300  
 Board of Elections.....(513) 732-7275  
 Building Inspection.....(513) 732-7213  
 C. Counseling Center.....(513) 947-7000  
 Chamber of Commerce .....(513) 576-5000  
 Child Focus .....(513) 752-1555  
 Child Protective Services.....(513) 732-7173  
 Child Support.....(513) 732-7326

Cincinnati General Information .....	(513) 352-3000
Clerk of Courts.....	(513) 732-7560
Clermont 2001 .....	(513) 753-9222
Clermont College.....	(513) 732-5200
Clermont Mercy Hospital .....	(513) 732-8200
Clermont Recovery Center, Inc. ....	(513) 735-8100
Clermont Sun .....	(513) 732-2511
Clermont Transportation Connection .....	(513) 732-7433
Common Pleas .....	(513) 732-7102
Common Pleas Adult Probation.....	(513) 732-7265
Community Service .....	(513) 732-7182
Convention and Visitors .....	(513) 732-3600
Coroner .....	(513) 732-8117
Credit Counseling .....	(513) 651-1100
Democrat Party .....	(513) 732-2378
Department of Jobs and Family Services.....	(513) 732-7111
Department of Labor.....	(513) 684-6840
Department of Public Safety Services .....	(513) 732-7661
Domestic Court .....	(513) 732-7327
E Check.....	(800) 227-8378
East Fork State Park.....	(513) 734-4323
Employment Office.....	(513) 943-3000
Engineer .....	(513) 732-8857
Environmental Quality.....	(513) 732-7745
Facilities.....	(513) 732-8850
Fair Grounds .....	(513) 732-1657
Fleet Maintenance.....	(513) 732-7775
Food Bank.....	(513) 241-1064
Game Warden .....	(513) 734-7027
Game Warden Dayton Office .....	(937) 372-9261
General Health District .....	(513) 732-7499
Habitat for Humanity .....	(513) 621-4147
Head Start.....	(513) 732-5432
Highway Patrol .....	(513) 732-1510
Historical Society.....	(513) 753-5859
Homeless Shelter .....	(513) 732-0717
Housing Opportunity .....	(513) 732-6010
HUD.....	(513) 684-3451
Jail .....	(513) 732-7540
Job and Family .....	(513) 732-7111
Jury Assignment.....	(513) 732-7108
Juvenile Court .....	(513) 732-7696
Juvenile Detention .....	(513) 732-7154
Juvenile Probation.....	(513) 732-8001
Law Library .....	(513) 732-7109
Lawyer Referral .....	(513) 732-2050

Legal Aid .....	(513) 732-2422
License Exam.....	(513) 732-1619
Mediation Office.....	(513) 732-7112
Mental Health.....	(513) 732-5400
MRRD.....	(513) 732-7000
Municipal Court.....	(513) 732-7292
Municipal Court Adult Probation .....	(513) 732-8100
Notary Services.....	(513) 732-7109
ODOT .....	(513) 797-6008
Ohio River Dam.....	(513) 876-2921
OMB .....	(513) 732-7975
OSU.....	(513) 732-7070
Park District .....	(513) 732-2977
Permit Central .....	(513) 732-7213
Planning .....	(513) 732-7230
Poison Control .....	(513) 588-5111
Police Department EMERGENCY.....	911
Police Department NON-EMERGENCY.....	(513) 732-2231
Post Office in Batavia .....	(513) 732-1823
Probate .....	(513) 732-7243
Prosecutor .....	(513) 732-7313
Public Defender .....	(513) 732-7223
Public Information .....	(513) 732-7597
Record Center .....	(513) 724-8060
Recorder.....	(513) 732-7236
Recovery Center.....	(513) 735-8100
Republican Party.....	(513) 732-1611
Senior Services.....	(513) 724-1255
Sheriff .....	(513) 732-7500
Small Claims Court.....	(513) 732-7292
Social Security .....	(800) 772-1213
Soil and Water Conservation .....	(513) 732-7075
Stonelick State Park .....	(513) 625-7544
Tax Map.....	(513) 732-7370
Traffic Court .....	(513) 732-7294
Treasurer .....	(513) 732-7254
United Way .....	(513) 724-6001
US Naval Time .....	(202) 762-1401
Veterans Services.....	(513) 732-7363
Victim and Witness Assistance.....	(513) 732-7979
Water and Sewer .....	(513) 732-7932
Water Customer Service .....	(513) 732-7970
Work Force Center.....	(513) 943-3000
YMCA Clermont .....	(513) 724-9622
YWCA .....	(513) 732-0450

**Hospitals**

Mercy Hospital Clermont, 3000 Hospital Drive, Batavia, (513) 732-8200 (12 miles)

Bethesda North Hospital, 10500 Montgomery Road, (513) 745-1111 (9 miles)

Mercy Hospital Anderson, 7500 State Road, (513) 624-4500 (15 miles)

University Hospital, 234 Goodman, (513) 584-1000 (25 miles)

Children's Hospital, 3333 Burnet Avenue, (513) 636-4200 (25 miles)

**Utilities**

Electric and Gas: .....Cinergy Corp. (513) 381-2000

Water:..... Clermont County Waterworks Division (513) 753-3080

Sewer: ..... Clermont County Wastewater Division (513) 753-7040

Telephone:..... Cincinnati Bell (513) 565-5551



## County, State, Federal Elected Officials

### FEDERAL

#### *U.S. Senate*

Senator Michael 'Mike' DeWine Senior Seat - (Republican)

Senator George V. Voinovich Junior Seat - (Republican)

#### *U.S. House*

Representative Jean Schmidt District 2 - (Republican)

### OHIO

Governor Bob A. Taft - (Republican)

Lt. Governor Bruce E. Johnson - (Republican)

Attorney General Jim M. Petro - (Republican)

Auditor Betty Montgomery - (Republican)

Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell - (Republican)

Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Tave Zelman -

Treasurer Jennette Bradley - (Republican)

#### *Ohio Senate*

Senator Tom Niehaus District 14 - (Republican)

#### *Ohio House of Representatives*

Representative Joseph W. Uecker District 66 - (Republican)

#### *Ohio Supreme Court*

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Thomas J. Moyer - (Republican)

Justice of the Supreme Court Judith Ann Lanzinger - (Republican)

Justice of the Supreme Court Maureen O'Connor - (Republican)

Justice of the Supreme Court Terrence O'Donnell - (Democrat)

Justice of the Supreme Court Paul E. Pfeifer - (Republican)

Justice of the Supreme Court Alice Robie Resnick - (Democrat)

Justice of the Supreme Court Evelyn Lundberg Stratton - (Republican)

### Clermont County

Robert Proud, Commissioner, President

Robert Croswell III, Commissioner

Mary Walker, Commissioner

Donald White, Prosecuting Attorney

Brian Treon, County Coroner

Albert Rodenberg, County Sheriff

J. Robert True, County Treasurer

Linda Fraley, County Auditor

Carolyn Green, County Recorder